

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a momentous milestone in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Mary Lorene Witten, a treasured resident of Bowling Green, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with celebrations held at the Clarksville Boat Club on August 30, 2003, and the First Christian Church in Clarksville on August 31, 2003; and

Whereas, Lorene Witten came into this world on a farm in Pike County near Vandalia on August 30, 1903, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Thomas Decamp Cook and Florence Maiden Cook, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Lorene embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved John Ambrose Witten, a kind and caring gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his departure from this world; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Lorene Witten enjoyed her family immensely and successfully balanced her responsibilities as a wife and mother with her role as a member and officer of several clubs, including the Salem Homemakers Club, Fortnightly Club, Paynesville Literary Club, Christian Women's Fellowship, and the American Legion Auxiliary; and

Whereas, Lorene Witten often reflects upon the wonderful years she spent caring for her only child, James Carol Witten, who has brought tremendous joy and happiness into her life; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Lorene Witten faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her granddaughter, Mary Lore Witten Frasier, and her great-grandson, Haydon Daniel Frasier:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Lorene Witten as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Mary Lorene Witten, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker